

# STATE OF MICHIGAN JENNIFER M. GRANHOLM DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS GOVERNOR LANSING

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To Whom It May Concern:

Frederic J. Goff has worked for the Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC) for 37 years. He began his career in December of 1973 at the State Prison of Southern Michigan as a corrections officer. During his career with the MDOC, Fred has worked in various security levels and in numerous positions, including acting warden. He is retiring as Deputy Warden on January 1, 2011, from the Special Alternative Incarceration program (SAI) in Chelsea, Michigan.

Based upon Mr. Goff's experience in corrections and his thorough knowledge of the Michigan Prisoner ReEntry Initiative (MPRI), he was promoted to Deputy Warden of the SAI program. Under his supervision, the SAI "boot camp" was converted to a Michigan Prisoner ReEntry Initiative institution. According to James Austin, Ph.D. of J.F.A. Institute, the SAI program under its current status as an MPRI institution saves the State of Michigan approximately \$25 million a year.

The conversion of the SAI program focused on two goals: promote public safety and increase the success rates of offenders in the community. These objectives were met by combining the SAI internal structure with evidence-based programs which focused on Cognitive Behavioral Restructuring, Family/Community Structure, Daily Living Skills and transitioning the prisoners back into the community using a seamless community support system.

During Fred's employment with the Michigan Department of Corrections, he graduated from the MDOC Leadership Academy, has been a member of the Traumatic Incident Stress Management Team, was appointed liaison between the Southeast Michigan Healthy Marriage Coalition and MDOC, served as an onsite coordinator for the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program (a modified therapeutic program), was selected as a member of the Director's Children and Families Committee, and was an initial member of the Michigan Prisoner ReEntry Initiative Committee that assisted with the Department of Corrections' conversion to the Michigan Prisoner ReEntry Initiative.

I have known Fred for many years and he has been a great member of the MDOC team.

Sincerely

Patricia L. Caruso

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#### **GOD Inspired Family Traditions**

God Inspired Family Traditions (G.I.F.T.) is a Compassionate Ministry that reaches out to families that are at risk due to a parent (s) being involved in the criminal justice system. Empowered by the Holy Spirit we are called to go into the prisons and enter into the community to witness to the incarcerated and their families by introducing them to God Inspired Family Traditions as demonstrated by Christ. Consecrated by God, we are committed to inviting the people we encounter to faith, caring for those in need, sharing his love for the lost and his compassion for the poor and broken. Keeping in the tradition of Christ's sacrificial love for the church, relationship programs will be taught emphasizing the permanence of marriage and building of the home.

Through this family oriented ministry, children at risk and parents/caregivers will be identified and witnessed to by volunteers providing numerous services and programs that will promote the family and decrease at risk behaviors that breakdown the family unit and negatively impact children. Today's children and families are being destroyed by a number of factors including divorce, domestic violence, substance abuse and the lack of Christian values and guidance.

This ministry will network with the other Compassionate Ministries offered by the Jackson First Church of the Nazarene and ask for assistance from volunteers who want to use their Spiritual Gifts as a part of the church's effort to intervene in the rapid spiral downfall of the American Society that was established by God's grace.

Volunteers are needed to help develop God Inspired Family Traditions into a compassionate ministry that supports and provides positive relationships with those that are incarcerated, their spouses and children in the community in order to share the love and compassion of Jesus Christ. Often prisoners have not experienced the type of love that Jesus gives freely. They have only experienced and practiced self-love and have neglected their families while they have pursued their own lifestyle. Our positive relationship with the prisoner and his/her family will allow us as Christians to: witness by reaching out and making disciples of those that may not have been introduced to the Gospel or have decided to follow their own ways; allow us to equip parents, caregivers and children with Christian Values and education that builds the marriage and home; provide services through the church or other available resources that meet the physical and emotional needs of the family and treat each member of the family with unconditional love and respect.

Help share the G.I.F.T.

For more information, please contact Fred Goff at <a href="mailto:fredgoff@jaxnaz.com">fredgoff@jaxnaz.com</a> or 517-962-2404.

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